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SUBJECT: DOMINICAN CONGRESSMAN APPEARS IN COURT ON ALIEN  
SMUGGLING CHARGES

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 3256 (NOTAL)

Classified By: CHARGE D'AFFAIRES LISA KUBISKE FOR REASONS 1.5 (B/D)

¶1. (U) Trial proceedings began on October 22 against accused alien smuggler Congressman Guillermo Radhames "Ramos" Garcia. After months of e

¶2. (U) The judges designated an interpreter for the two Chinese nationals accused as co-conspirators and refused to release them on bail. At least three employees of the Directorate of Migration, including a fired supervisor, had also been implicated, but according to local press were not subpoenaed in time to appear for the October 22 hearing. Attorney General Victor Cespedes told Ecopol counselor and poloffs that these three suspects had in fact been subpoenaed but had refused to accept the court order, and that they would be subpoenaed two

¶3. (C) COMMENT: Garcia,s appearance before the Supreme Court was definitely a surprise move, made possible by the Attorney General,s submissic KUBISKE